



THE COMMUNICATOR

OCTOBER 17, 2022

PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom or in person in our chapel.

People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website:
<https://zoom.us/j/862139432>
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at
605-940-6702 with questions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

THE GIDEONS

The Gideons International is dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments across the globe.

CLYDE'S ARTICLE

We are past the midpoint of October and lots of things are going on. The colors are vivid now as I drive to work each day. Fall is a wonderful time of the year. We have almost everything in full swing around the church now. I love seeing things get back to what I remember. I am really enjoying that feeling. I have gotten several cards from people on this Pastor Appreciation month. I do read those cards and I do enjoy those nice treats I get as well. I can't believe we are moving through the fall this quickly, but it is what it is. Life is moving folks out here "On Faith".

We are having a great turnout on our MidWeek things, and we are hoping that continues to grow throughout the year. Once again, we have some great classes for adults and of course, all the kid activities are there as well. Heather is looking for help now which means those numbers are getting back to what they once were and that just feels good to us. The meal folks are working hard to get those suppers ready, and it is moving in a good direction. Join us! MidWeek is still the best way to connect to each other.

Sunday night in choir, we saw several new faces join us which means our choir is one of the largest we have had at Community. They can sing! It is going to be a great concert in December, folks, and one that you will certainly enjoy. We picked a lot of familiar songs from the season for you to enjoy, as well as some just fun tunes to sing. The choir spends a good deal of time getting all this ready. I do appreciate their commitment. There is still time to get involved in that if you would like. We are fun!

Our church is also hosting the location for the Christmas at the Cathedral's choir rehearsals. We have the space, and we have the parking, so we offered. There are a good number of Community folks that sing in that choir each year, and of course, it is one of my favorite things to do during that season. It is just one more way that we, as a church, can connect to the greater community of Sioux Falls and I think that is just a great gift we can offer.

Sunday is the final message from the "On Faith" series of message. Actually, there are a couple of more that will follow up on that, but there will be a little turn in the focus. The messages that follow will be more of a looking ahead perspective, you might say. I decided to keep the same direction of "On Faith" going, but use it in a little different way. I hope that will make sense when we get into it.

The 30 days of prayer is on its last weeks now. I can't believe that. You may notice the message will start to center on having the presence of Jesus "On Faith". It can't just be our ideas and our skills. Without Jesus here, with us "On Faith", we can do nothing. Go God Go!

Sunday's message is a fishing story. They have fished all night and caught nothing. They know how to fish. They need little instruction for that, at least that's what they thought. Jesus is a good fisherman! He knows exactly where the fish are! We'll talk more on Sunday. Have a great week!

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PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH



LIZ'S UPDATE

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP & WORSHIP

This week, I want to write about something that has been sitting heavily on my mind: HURRY.

These past few weeks, I have had an unusually high number of tasks to accomplish, people to meet, and places to be, and this schedule will continue for several more days. After a couple of weeks of this, I found myself in a state of constant high alert. My anxiety was higher. I was tired. And I just had a general sense of unrest in my soul. Have you ever felt that way? As soon as I realized what I was feeling, (we rarely notice that feeling immediately because it takes time to build) I had to stop myself and really check my heart and mind. Why was I rushing around like this? When did hurry become such an idol in my life?

Dallas Willard writes about hurry in this way.

"I would say hurry is a state of frantic effort one falls into in response to inadequacy, fear, and guilt. We should take as our aim to live our lives entirely without hurry. The peace and joy and strength which God intended for human life, the well-being and health of mind and body, is inconsistent with living in a hurry. (Of course, occasional bouts of hurry may be reasonable in such a world as this. But chronic hurry is not.). The good of avoiding hurry is not just pleasure, but to enable us to calmly and effectively do the things that are truly important with strength and joy."

A couple of years ago when I first read those wise words from Dallas, I took them to heart and began a daily intention of living without hurry. If I found myself rushing in my car, I made a conscious effort to slow down. If I found myself in the longest line at a store, I would remind myself that there might be a God purpose there somewhere. If I found myself trying to fit more and more errands into the same 30-minute time frame, I literally would stop and say to myself, "Slow down. Things will get done without your rushing. It will be ok."

What caught me this week was that my intention to live unhurriedly got thrown to the side so easily and so quickly that it took me *days* before I realized that I was living in a rush! Finally, my body reacted to the hurried pace in such a way that I was forced to stop and take stock of my heart and soul, only to realize, disappointingly, that I had been hurrying again. I had to then take time to literally breathe. Literally slow my steps. Even slow my typing speed and intensity! I had to remind myself that this hurry was damaging not only to my physical body, but to my soul as well.

Those are strong words from Dallas, but they are true. If we want to live in such a way as to cultivate the joy, peace, and strength that God offers us, we cannot live in a constant state of rushing. It will be to our detriment if we do so.

This week, if you're feeling rushed, anxious, hurried, unsettled, fearful, inadequate, or even guilty, I encourage you to make a conscious effort to live more unhurried. Slow down. Things will get done. And if they don't, will it truly matter in the long run? I'll be joining you on this journey.

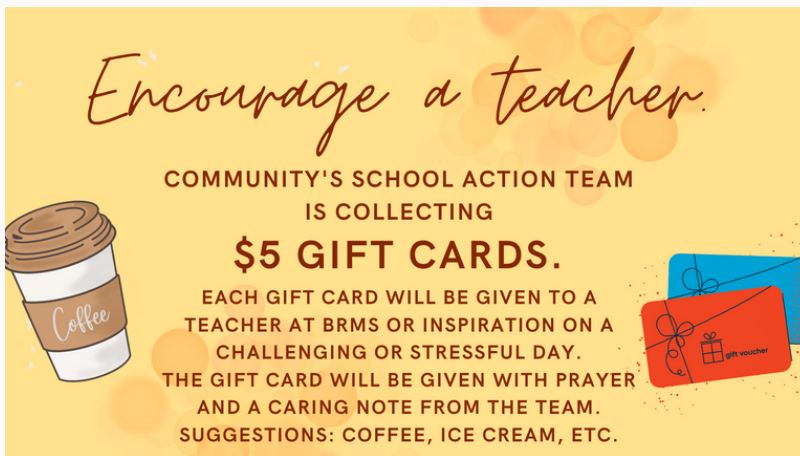
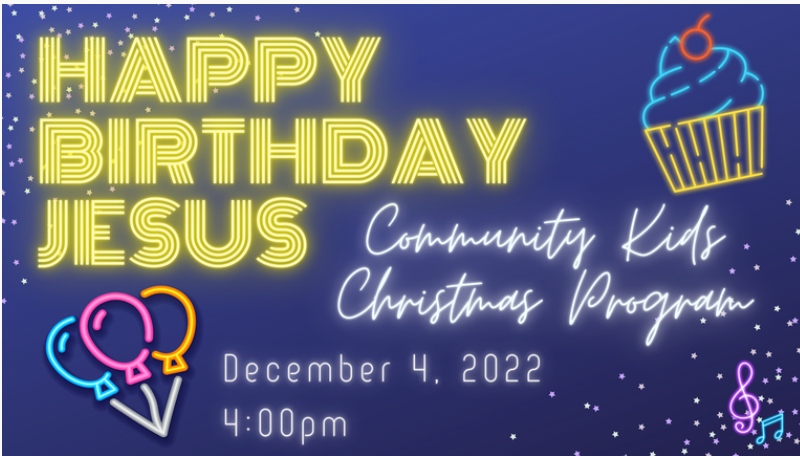
Upcoming Ministries
Wednesday, October 19, 5:30-7:30pm
Mid-Week!

Sunday, October 23, 10:05am
Sunday School

Sunday October 23, 4:30-6:00pm
Church Choir Rehearsal (It's not too late to join!)

Have a great week, everyone!

Liz
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THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 19

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- **Soup**
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children, M.S. Youth Group & Adults
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 20

6:30pm- College Care Packages

Saturday, October 22

7:00am- Prayer Ministry
10:00am- AA Meeting

Sunday, October 23

8:00, 9:00 & 10:45AM- Sunday Services
10:05am- Sunday School
10:10am- Parent Connections
4:30pm- Choir

Monday, October 24

7:00-8:00PM- The Wired Word

Tuesday, October 25

9:30-10:30am- Play Group

Wednesday, October 26

5:30-6:30pm- Midweek Meal- **Chicken Salad/Taco Salad**
6:30-7:30pm- Midweek Classes for Children,
M.S. Youth Group & Adults
7:30-8:30pm- High School Youth Group

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AA BIG BOOK MEETING

AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, November 14 at noon at the East 10th Pizza Ranch. Questions, please call Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030. Everyone welcome!



Hello Everyone!

I have a lot to share with you this week.

We need some helpers for Midweek. Please click on this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CACAA2EABFB6-k5midweek> or sign up at clipboard on the Link in the Lobby at Community! We have a lot of fun and you won't need to lead or prep. Just come be the caring adult with time to listen, connect and enjoy the kids as they learn and grow together. You can pick one week, a few weeks, or every week! 😊 Recruit some friends to join you. Ideally, it would be fun to have 2 adults (plus Heather) during the lesson time and 1 more during the play time before class.

The next thing that needs your attention is the Kids Christmas Program. We're having a Birthday Party for Jesus! I'll need some adult helpers for this as well so please save the date and plan to lend a hand. The program is at 4pm on December 4. Preschool kids will arrive around 3:45pm. K-5 kids will arrive at 1pm on that day and stay until the program starts.

For the younger kids (haven't gone to Kindergarten yet), we do practice during the singing time at Sunday School each week. The words for songs will be handed out to parents so you can practice. The preschoolers can wear whatever parents want to put them in. Most usually wear their "Christmas outfit" or "party clothes." We mostly just want them to be comfortable and have fun!

K-5 kids will have just one big practice! We'll get together from 1-4 pm on 12/4/22 (the day of the program) to get ready for the main event!

We're hoping everyone can learn their line in advance, so we'll practice the lines and songs a little in Sunday School and we'd appreciate your help in teaching your child the part for their grade level at home.

Parts & Lines for each Grade:

- **Everyone:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
- **Kindergarten:** Sheep- It is good news of great joy for all the people.
- **1st Grade:** Angels- "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."
- **2nd Grade:** Magi- "When they saw the star, they were overjoyed."
- **3rd Grade:** Animals- camel, cow, bird, etc.-"she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."
- **4th Grade:** Shepherds: "Let us go to Bethlehem, now, and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
- **5th Grade:** Mary, Joseph, Innkeeper, Herod, Star, Townspeople, Group Leaders, sign holders, etc.-In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Kids will get a sign-up sheet during Sunday School to let me know which K-5 kids want to participate. Either fill out that yellow sheet and send it back OR send me a quick email with your child's preferences from the list below. 10/30/22 is the last day to let me know if kids want a solo or speaking part as I'll need to give everyone time to practice in November. Here are the choices:

- group speaking part only (see above- all kids do this)
- individual speaking part (these will be video recorded prior to program and on screen)
- sing a solo (we'll schedule a time or two to practice together, otherwise practice is at home.)
- sing a duet or trio (we'll schedule a time or two to practice together, otherwise practice is at home.)

See you soon!

Heather DeWit

Community Kids

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DOYLES'S UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL



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THE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TABLE IS SET UP IN THE LOBBY! GRAB A BOX, FILL IT, AND BRING IT BACK BY

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:45AM-10:45AM

VISIT WITH MISSIONS

REPRESENTATIVES AT BOOTHS IN THE LOBBY.

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

- Gracia Harmsen (surgery recovery)
- Joan Schouten (high blood pressure)

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

- Elaine Deelstra
- Pat Koll (cancer)
- Kathy Klein (surgery recovery)
- Irwin Van Leeuwen (cancer)
- Steve Lee
- Joe Johnson
- Jenna Hoogendoorn (transplant recovery)
- Pete & Jan Mellema's son-in-law, Chris (cancer)
- Tami Boyle's dad (pancreatic/liver cancer)
- Melanie Oden's uncle, Bruce (cancer)
- Marcia Groeneweg's daughter, Rhonda (chemo)
- Kristy Mouw's sister-in-law, Mindy (cancer)
- Brian Frisbee (long-term stroke rehab)
- Susan Bierwagen's uncle, Darrell (cancer)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Randi Van Der Sloom (cancer treatments)
- Spring & Tony
- Jodie Jensen (cancer treatments/heart)
- Darla Anderson's friend, Vonnie (cancer)
- Marv Sturing (cancer)
- Tracee Ellwein's dad (skin & muscle graft)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Harvey & Karen Odens' great niece, Lydia (cancer)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers throughout Jim's battle with cancer! (Jeanie Nollman's brother-in-law) You lifted us up to be held in His arms each day and now Jim is at home and at peace with our Lord! Thank you!

Love, Joyce & Adam & family

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FINANCES

Sunday, October 16, 2022

General: \$9,605

Vision: \$1,125

Missions: \$225

Wednesday night: \$419

General YTD: \$768,689

Vision YTD: \$58,946

Vision Account Balance: \$34,411

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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

**If you would like to request membership or baptism, please
e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org.
We are doing individual family baptism after the 10:45am
service until further notice.**

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

**Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased
every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase
will go toward our Vision Fund at church.**

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